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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Kindly amend the above-identified application
before examination, as set forth below.

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the title with the following:
--OPERATING DEVICE--.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the drawings as indicated on the
attached red-marked sheet.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification, including abstract,
pursuant to the attached substitute specification. Also
attached is a marked up copy of the specification, indicating
deleted and added sections. No new matter has been added.